

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 2379
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 23, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural
 1-4 Affairs; April 17, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
 1-6 April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2379 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a
 1-22 portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 27.051(i), Water Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (i) For purposes of this subsection, "Edwards Aquifer" has
 1-27 the meaning assigned by Section 26.046(a). Except as otherwise
 1-28 provided by this subsection, the commission may not authorize by
 1-29 rule or permit an injection well that transects or terminates in the
 1-30 Edwards Aquifer. The commission by rule or permit may authorize:

1-31 (1) injection of groundwater withdrawn from the
 1-32 Edwards Aquifer;

1-33 (2) injections of storm water, flood water, or
 1-34 groundwater through improved sinkholes or caves located in karst
 1-35 topographic areas; ~~or~~

1-36 (3) injections of water made in accordance with
 1-37 Section 1.44(e)(3), Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature,
 1-38 Regular Session, 1993; or

1-39 (4) an aquifer storage and recovery project that
 1-40 includes an ASR injection well, as defined under Section 27.151,
 1-41 that transects the Edwards Aquifer in the area of Williamson County
 1-42 east of Interstate Highway 35 for the injection of water into a
 1-43 geologic formation that underlies the Edwards Aquifer.

1-44 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2024, the Texas
 1-45 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules to implement
 1-46 Section 27.051(i), Water Code, as amended by this Act.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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